



STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, from 9:10 am to 12:30 pm
USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma WA, 98402

Revised Draft Summary

OF THE MEETING'S KEY DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS

a list of acronyms is provided at the end of the document

ATTENDEES:

Work Group members and alternates present, and the organizations and caucuses they represent:

Cami Apfelbeck (Bainbridge Island), Local Governments, and the Work Group's Chair; **Abby Barnes** (WDNR), State Agencies, and the Work Group's Vice Chair; **Kevin Burrell** (Seattle), Local Governments; **Jay Davis** (USFWS), Federal Agencies; **Leska Fore** (PSP), State Agencies; **Dick Gersib** (WSDOT), State Agencies; **Todd Hunsdorfer** (King Co), Local Governments; **Chris Konrad** (USGS), Federal Agencies; **Jennifer Lanksbury** (WDFW), State Agencies; **Bill Moore** (ECY WQP), State Agencies; **Ben Parrish** (Covington), Local Governments; **Andy Rheaume** (Redmond), Local Governments; **Jim Simmonds** (King Co), Local Governments; **Theresa Thurlow** (Federal Way), Local Governments.

Others in attendance: **Ashley Carle** (WSDOT), **Angela Gallardo** (Newcastle), **Mindy Fohn** (Kitsap Co), **Jeremy Graham** (Olympia), **Don McQuilliams** (Bellevue), **Curtis Nickerson** (Cardno), **Rob Plotnikoff** (TetraTech).

Work Group staff: **Karen Dinicola** (ECY WQP), SWG Lead Staff; **Brandi Lubliner** (ECY WQP), RSMP Coordinator.

CHANGES TO WORK GROUP REPRESENTATION

The local government caucus named Kit Paulsen (Bellevue) as a newly returned representative and Jared Bond (Lynnwood), Todd Hunsdorfer (King Co), Kevin Burrell (Seattle), and Melissa Ivancevich (Shoreline) as new alternates. Following today's meeting, all SWG caucus leads will confirm their lists of representatives and alternates. Cami and Karen will contact environmental, port, business, and tribe representatives to see if we can renew these groups' participation. Recently only the local, state, federal, and agriculture representatives have been active in the work group.

WORK GROUP DISCUSSES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERMIT SECTION S8 MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

At our last four meetings we have discussed how our collective stakeholder group will deliver recommendations for possible improvements to the permit structure for implementing the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP). The RSMP is implemented via the Western Washington municipal stormwater NPDES permits Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment. Sub-section S8.B is Status and Trends Monitoring; S8.C is Effectiveness Studies; and S8.D is Source Identification and Diagnostic Monitoring.

In preparation for today's discussion, the SWG's local, state, and federal caucuses and the PRO-Committee discussed the draft set of recommendations that came out of our last meeting on January 13. The feedback from the PRO-C and state and federal caucuses, and preliminary feedback from the local caucus, was provided to work group members in advance of today's meeting. Work group members spent a few minutes at the beginning of the discussion today to read the final feedback from the local caucus on S8 recommendations. A comment letter from Kitsap County was also presented.

The notes taken on the recommendations document during today's discussion (projected on-screen during the meeting) were distributed following the meeting and will be posted with this summary. Those notes include "advisory vote" tallies for each of the draft recommendations. Consensus was maintained for most, but not all, of the topics for which the group had general consensus at the end of the last meeting in January. The consensus was for topics ranging from maintaining things that are working well (basic permit requirements, administration, and oversight; and the two current permit alternatives to paying into the RSMP for S8.C Effectiveness Studies) and increasing the budget allocation to fully cover RSMP administration costs.

At the end of today's meeting there was not consensus on specific alternatives to paying into the RSMP for S8.B Status and Trends Monitoring, or on continuing S8.D Source Identification and Diagnostic Monitoring in the next permit. In the "advisory votes" taken on these two topics, votes by local government representatives were generally outnumbered by

votes by state and federal caucus representatives. Ecology's representative Bill Moore abstained from the voting, but repeated that Ecology needs regionally relevant trends data for receiving waters.

SWG Lead Staff Karen Dinicola will write a new version of the draft recommendations, articulating options and refinements that were discussed and proposed during today's discussion. Each of the local, state, and federal caucuses will meet again between today's meeting and June 1. All caucuses are asked to provide their feedback well in advance so that all work group members have the benefit of coming to the meeting prepared. The SWG will discuss and vote on the final set of recommendations at the meeting on June 1. The work group will discuss recommendations for RSMP implementation and priorities outside the permit structure later this year.

Work group members generally agreed that our letter submitting the final recommendations should recognize both the progress made toward implementing a successful collective regional monitoring program and also what specifically should change to make the program better (and why).

WSDOT EFFECTIVENESS STUDY PROPOSAL REVIEWED BY SWG ROADS AND HIGHWAYS SUBGROUP

Dick Gersib updated work group members on WSDOT's latest proposal for an effectiveness study. The proposal was reviewed favorably by our Roads and Highways Subgroup. Fred Bergdolt will soon send it to work group members for a "fatal flaw" review. WSDOT requests your feedback on the proposal before the end of this month.

AGENDA ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED: RSMP IMPLEMENTATION, 2016-2017 WORK PLAN, AND PSEMP COORDINATION

Though our meeting ran long, due to the extensive discussion on our recommendations for permit section S8 Monitoring and Assessment the work group did not make it through our agenda and several topics were not discussed. The PRO-C will next meet on May 5 and will provide an extensive update at our next meeting before we move on to discuss our S8 recommendations. We will schedule additional time for our meeting on June 1. Please mark your calendars for 9am-3pm.

The SWG has a biennial work plan that we update annually; we did not get to that agenda item in either of our last two meetings. A final draft 2016-2017 work plan incorporating input from work group members and our subgroups was scheduled to be finalized and approved at today's meeting. We hope to approve the work plan at the beginning of the next meeting as the first business item.

Jay Davis hopes everyone will take a few minutes to watch The Nature Conservancy [video](#) that features Jen McIntyre describing the stormwater problem and the effectiveness of filtration in solving the problem of pre-spawn mortality.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

At all of our meetings, we will:

- Hear feedback from the RSMP Coordinator and PRO-Committee on RSMP implementation,
- Hear from our subgroups about the status of implementing our current work plan,
- Hear from the PSEMP Steering Committee and other PSEMP workgroups, and
- Determine messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter issue.

At our next meeting on Wednesday, **June 1, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the USGS Office in Tacoma, we will also:

- Approve updates to our work plan, and
- Finalize our recommendations for permit condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment, and
- Hear an update on progress toward a draft implementation plan for agricultural runoff monitoring.

The work group meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2016 are on September 14 and November 9.

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS MEETING SUMMARY:

ECY WQP – Washington Dept. of Ecology's Water Quality Program
PRO-C or PRO-Committee – Pooled Resources Oversight Committee
PSEMP – Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program
PSP – Puget Sound Partnership
RSMP – Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program

SWG – Stormwater Work Group
USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS – U.S. Geological Survey
WDFW – Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
WDNR – Washington Dept. of Natural Resources
WSDOT – Washington Dept. of Transportation